

The Straight Arrow



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President's Message

Old friends. They turn up at the most unexpected time. At our gathering at Mar's Drive In this past month, my family joined me for an evening among the cars. We arrived a little late, parked, and after a few hello's, headed for dinner. Out of the corner of my eye I noticed a couple walking toward the door. It was my high school buddy Mike, and his wife, Laurel. I hadn't seen or talked to him for over thirty years. He was the owner/driver of the red '66 Olds 442 I wrote about in this space over the past two months. After remarking how long it had been, he noticed my car and said "you have one just like your car in high school?" And I replied, "that is my car from high school." We spent some time looking at the car and talking about years gone by. Turns out he currently owns a Dodge SRT-10 truck (Viper powered), and a Viper, a motorcycle, and just sold a purple Hemi-Challenger clone. He also just bought a silver '66 442 that happened to be an original red car with a license plate number that is vaguely familiar. Could it be his old car? Maybe. We talked for a while and went our separate ways for dinner. I'm sure, now that we know where each other is, we will meet up again sometime in the future.

I lost a friend this month and committed time to another. Joel bought my '67 Tempest Custom Station Wagon (he is a wagon freak), and I decided to concentrate my time on a recently acquired '63 LeMans. My goal is to work on it over time (that is the only way I can make any real progress) and gradually build a modified show and go cruiser. This time, I won't have to take great care to make sure every bracket, bolt, and part is factory original (are you listening Ron?) as this will be more of a hot rod than a show car. It won't be ugly (although is currently is), just not original. So, while I regretted watching the wagon head down the drive way, I look forward to tearing into the LeMans. It's not like you

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C August 9, 2004 meeting

The meeting was called to order by our President Andy Hoff at 7:05

There were no visitors.

There were no minutes for the month of July to be approved.

Treasurers' report- Bill Truckell read the clubs balance and indicated we have 33 paid members.

Newsletter Editor Report -If you'd like the newsletter electronically please let Joel know.

Webmaster report - Updated. Anyone with pictures or stuff they'd like to see on our website send them to Brian to be posted.

2005 Western Regionals- Brian passed around and discussed a projected spreadsheet of income/ expense budget costs for the show. There was discussion that a free ticket for the Bass Lake wine boat cruise(a \$12.50 value) would be given to all pre-registered entrants who sign up at the Reno show. We will continue discussions of what sort of entertainment we would like during the show on Saturday. Thoughts were to have a live band and /or an Elvis impersonator. A sample of the event logo for shirts and the flyer was passed around. The artwork looked great and is being donated by Victor W. Dennis Baker discussed the car classes. A mtg. was scheduled at Calr Jr.'s this coming Monday to discuss the classes further.

Future Activities -October 9th Buchanan HS Benefit Show. Andy and Son are working on a benefit show. Details to follow.

Toy's for Tot's November 6th.

Farmer's Market - August 13th

Mar's Drive-In August 27th

Mar's Drive-in September 29th

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President's message continued.....

see one of those everyday.

We had a great turn out at Mar's, with cars and people everywhere. The weather was perfect and the conversation lively. Speaking of old friends, maybe we haven't seen you around for a while. I know the summer is a busy time, which is obvious on the second Monday of each month, when maybe 15 to 20 us meet at Denny's Diner for our monthly meeting. Many of us are going to the Western Regional show in Reno this month and we have a couple of great events planned for October and November. So, if you haven't been to a meeting in a while, dust off your classic (or modern) Pontiac for our next meeting as well as our regular events and monthly cruises. And, if you want to meet a new 'best friend,' check out a website entitled: Craig's GTO Link Page that can be found at www.geocities.com/MotorCity/1932/. He has links to what seems like every Pontiac related website there is. See for yourself. And, we look forward to seeing you at the September meeting. More later.

Andy

Minutes continued.....

Previous activities - The Summer Bar-B-Q was a big success. A huge thanks to Dave Valla and family for a wonderful time. Thanks.

This month's winner of the \$10 attendance raffle was Dennis Schwartz.

Next meeting is September 13th.

Meeting adjourned to the parking lot for some tire kicking.

Respectfully,
Dennis Baker
Secretary



Caravans to Reno

Going to Reno for the Western Regional? If so you have two options if you wish to caravan with the club over the Sierra to Reno.

Both options will initially meet on Friday, September 17, in the Wendy's Drive In parking lot at the Pilot Truck Stop just north of Madera on Highway 99. Pilot is located on Ave. 18 1/2 so you would take that offramp, then cross over the freeway and from there you will see Wendy's.

Option one will **leave** Wendy's at 6:30 am and will be headed up by Joel Garrett. Please contact him at home (559-292-9130) or his cell (559-479-1636) to let him know you will be joining his group. Also keep his cell number handy in case something happens on the way up to the meeting place that Friday.

Option two will **leave** Wendy's at 9:00 am and will be headed by Brian Massey. Please contact him at home (559-645-8018) or on his cell (559-908-9431) to let him know you will be joining the later group. Again you might want to keep Brian's cell number handy just in case you have problems or a change in plans.

Hopefully this will accommodate almost everyone, the early risers as well as the late risers, or the ones who have air conditioning and the ones who don't, or the ones who wish to travel during the cooler part of the day to keep their cars cooler. It should also help to keep the number of cars down in each group so the tail end Charlies won't have to be speeding up and slowing down so much to keep up with the group.

Also remember as the caravan forms up and heads down the freeway to leave ample room between cars so that others traveling on the freeway can change lanes between us to get off and on the freeway. It also give the lookie loos more time to ogle our cars with envy as the pass us or we pass them.

POCC Annual BBQ Another Success

by Joel Garrett



Many of our POCC members took advantage of Tina and Dave Valla's hospitality when they opened their home to us for our annual POCC member appreciation BBQ. This activity has become a yearly event that is greatly anticipated by all members. In the past, Greg and Gloria Griggs had volunteered their beautiful home for this event but, unfortunately scheduling conflicts made their home unavailable. However, the situation was rectified when the Vallas volunteered to host the BBQ this year. THANK YOU TINA AND DAVE!!!!



The club owes newer POCC members Cheryl and Bill Richards a big thank you also. They were nice enough to volunteer to help with bringing BBQ's to cook on, tables to eat on, and chairs to sit on, not to mention helping with the cooking and clean up.

The food was great. The dishes that members brought to share were delicious, and the club supplied cake with Dave's homemade ice cream finished the perfect evening. Well, maybe not perfect. The only thing missing that could have made the evening perfect would have been if Dave's driveway and street would have been crowded with Pontiacs. Most members decided not to drive their Ponchos and I think I know why. In last months newsletter, and at last months meeting Dave requested that members **not** do Burn Outs in his driveway or on his street. I feel this is the main reason the Pontiacs were left at



home. I mean, why even take it out of the garage if you cannot do a smokey burn out in front of a fellow member's house.



Thanks to Brian Massey for all of the great pictures.



Used Car Advise

Within the used car market, there is a segment that is very popular; Company Cars. Here are the reasons you should check one out when you are in the market for a used car.

1. They travel faster in all gears, especially reverse;
2. They accelerate at a phenomenal rate;
3. They enjoy a much shorter braking distance;
4. They have a much tighter turning radius;
5. They can take bumps at twice the speed of private cars;
6. Oil and tire pressures and battery and water levels do not need to be checked nearly so often;
7. The floor is shaped just like an ashtray;
8. They do not have to be garaged at night;
9. They can be driven up to 100 miles with no visible oil pressure;
10. They need to be washed less often;
11. The inside almost never needs vacuuming;
12. The suspension is reinforced to allow concrete slabs and other heavy building materials to be carried;
13. They are adapted to allow reverse to be engaged while the car is still moving forward;
14. The tire walls are designed for bumping into and over curbs;
15. Unusual and alarming engine noises are easily eliminated by the adjustment of the radio volume control.
16. No security is needed. They may be left anywhere, unlocked, with the keys in the ignition.

Upcoming Events

(POCC Club events are in bold).

POCC monthly meetings are held at the Denny's at 710 West Shaw in Clovis.

Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

September:

13th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Denny's.

18th-19th: POCC Western Regional Convention: In Reno. We plan on caravanning to Reno. If all goes well, we will join up with some of the Bakersfield group in Fresno and pick-up some of the Sacramento POCI member along the way! This stacks up to be a great weekend! We will launch our '05 Regional in Reno, so please be prepared to help man our booth! Be sure to attend the September meeting to learn all the details.

24th: Mars Drive-in Night: Meet no later than 6:00 at the Mars Drive In on Shaw.

25th: Ronald McDonald show and Ford Shelby GT500KR Convertible raffle. See page 7 for more details.

October:

13th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Denny's.

? Fall Mystery Cruise: Info to follow.

November:

6th: 5th Annual Toys for Tot's All Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. Show will be at the Toy's R Us parking lot, Shaw at Sunnyside in Clovis, CA. The show will be from 11am to 3pm, and will include some special surprise awards. Entry fee is any unwrapped toy with a value of \$10.00 or greater. The show is Rain or

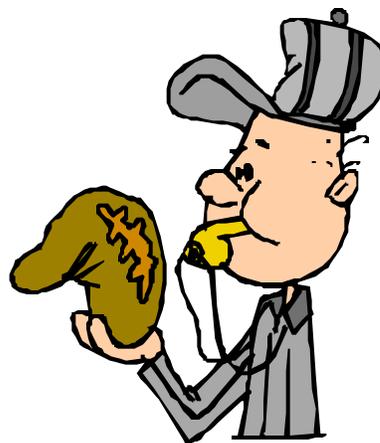
Shine! If it's raining, please stop by and drop off your toy and meet some great Marines. You will also be supplied with some great coffee, coco and cookies.

Info: Brian or Janet Massey; 559-645-8018, or email bjmassey@bigfoot.com

8th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Denny's, 710 W. Shaw Ave. Clovis CA. 559-298-8706. Dinner at 6:30pm, meeting at 7 to 8:30pm.

December:

?th: Christmas Party; Info to follow.



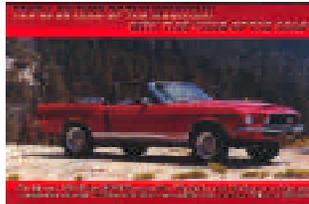
Ronald McDonald House Raffle

The "Friends of the House", a group of car enthusiasts, is an organization that has devoted itself to helping the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Central Valley. Our Friends played a major role in the building of the new eighteen room Ronald McDonald House.

The Ronald McDonald House is a beautiful 20,000 square foot facility adjacent to Valley Childrens Hospital of the Central Valley. It features three kitchens, three dining room and a spacious common living room.

We need to continue to raise funds to operate the House and plan for the future. We appreciate your donations. With your help, we will continue to make a difference for those who need us most!

This year the Friends are raffling off a 1968 Shelby GT500KR Convertible. Only 318 of these cars were built. It is valued at \$80,000, comes with a 428 Cobra Jet engine and has the glove box door autographed by Carroll Shelby..



Tickets sell for;

- 3 tickets for \$5.00
- 7 tickets for \$10.00
- 15 tickets for \$20.00
- 40 tickets for \$50.00
- 100 tickets for \$100.00
- 10% bonus for \$200 or more

Tickets can be purchased by sending a check for the desired amount to:

Ronald McDonald House
9161 Randall Way
Madera CA 93638

Call 559.447.6300 for more information.

www.ronald-mcdonaldhouse.com

Drawing to be held on September 25, 2004.

For Sale

Weather striping, seat covers, head liners, sun visors, seat belts and carpets for most makes and models. Call Dennis Baker, (559) 322-8441.

1968 Hurst Olds. Needs restoration. \$8,900. Call Dennis Baker at (559) 322-8441.

Tempest, GTO & LeMans 1964 to 1967 parts. Left & right fenders, some trim, lenses and miscellaneous parts. Call Andy Hoff at (559) 298-4527 for complete list and prices.

Miscellaneous 69 Firebird parts. Hood, tail lights, dash, grills, rear seat springs, console. 66 GTO rear bumper, some trim. Call Victor Weitzel at (559) 692-2900.

Miscellaneous 67 GTO parts. Fenders, doors (post car), hood, frame, some trim pieces, etc.etc. Call Sam Fisher (559) 664-9431.

Miscellaneous 55 parts. Two sets of tail lights for 69 Firebird. Contact Rick DiGiacomo at (401) 934-0663 or frdigi@aol.com

Miscellaneous Pontiac cars and parts. Partial list: 72 LeMans with Enduro Clip, 71 GT37, 70 LeMans convertible, 68 Gran Prix (no engine), 69 Firebird (350 engine), lots of other makes and models and lots of parts. Call George in Stockton at 209-994-9838 for more information.

Wanted

400 CID Pontiac 4 BBL motor. 69 or 70 years only, will pay up to \$450. Call Tim Saltzman at (559) 645-0946.

Set of Honeycomb wheels. Contact Dave Bettencourt at (559) 867-0340 or baadgoat@webtv.net





Pontiacs of Central California (POCC) is a club for owners and lovers of Pontiacs. The club members range from young guys and gals to old guys, who own all types of Pontiacs from the Muscle to the Luxury cars. A few members don't even own Pontiacs, they simply like them. Club dues are \$24 per calendar year or \$2.00 per month for the remainder of any calendar year. Members must also join the Pontiac/Oakland Club International (POCI). POCI dues are \$25 per year and includes a subscription to the POCI monthly magazine - "Smoke Signals". The magazine alone is worth the \$25. It's full of interesting Pontiac stories, tips on doing Pontiac things, as well as free advertising for members. Since this magazine goes out world wide, it is a great place to find parts or that special Pontiac you have been searching for.



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Club meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the Denny's restaurant at 710 West Shaw in Clovis. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. Please feel free join us.

